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Memorandum

ECC Agenda Item IV.

May 18, 2011

To : ECC Members Date : May 4, 2011

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From : Deanne Pearce, Chief

Licensing Division

Subject: Update on Joint ECC/Accounting Education Committee Meeting

Members were recently informed that the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) had begun plans to hold a joint meeting of the ECC and Accounting Education Committee (AEC). The meeting will allow all stakeholders to see both committees' proposals and staff's initial plans regarding implementation and outreach.

On April 21, 2011, Executive Officer Patti Bowers circulated, via e-mail, a memorandum (**Attachment**) from CBA President Sally Anderson, CPA, regarding the proposed joint meeting. The memorandum informed both committees that the CBA had set the meeting date for June 7, 2011, and requested that members inform staff whether they will attend. Based on the responses received, both committees have established quorums.

The CBA is still in the early planning stages of this meeting. As additional information becomes available, staff will provide it to members.

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Attachment

To : AEC Members Date : April 21, 2011

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From : Sally Anderson, CPA, President

California Board of Accountancy

Subject : Joint Meeting of the Accounting Education Committee and Ethics Curriculum Committee

I would like to begin by thanking each of you for your continued dedication to the consumers of the great State of California. I recognize the considerable effort and time commitment each of you has put forth over these past several months in developing the new educational requirements that will take effect for CPA licensure beginning January 1, 2014.

As members of both committees are undoubtedly aware, your work will vastly change the prerequisites for obtaining a CPA license in the State of California. California will now have some of the most, if not the most, rigorous educational requirements needed to begin the practice of public accountancy, especially when it comes to ethics education.

Given the transformative nature of these forthcoming changes, the CBA is planning to hold a joint meeting of both AEC and ECC. The meeting will allow students, colleges/universities, consumer groups, various professional trade associations, and the public at large to receive information on the CBA's plans for implementing the new educational requirements, including plans for future outreach, as well as provide a dedicated forum for these groups to hear the proposal and provide comments.

The CBA is in the early planning stages for the meeting, but has set a tentative date of **Tuesday**, **June 7**, **2011** on the calendar. It is anticipated that the meeting will be webcast, with possible remote locations being established, to allow for maximum exposure and participation by stakeholders. You will receive more information on the meeting as soon as details are developed.

The CBA looks forward to your participation in this crucial meeting, and thanks you for your continued service on these important CBA committees. Please let staff know as soon as possible if you are available for the **June 7**, **2011** meeting.

To confirm attendance or if you have any questions, please contact either Jenny Sheldon or Cindi Fuller at the contact information below.

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